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CALCUTTA 0781 FOLLOWS. SENT TO NEW DELHI FOR ACTION ON 31 MAR 77
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C O N F I D E N T I A L CALCUTTA 0781

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, IN

SUBJ: CONGRESS CABINET FALLS IN TRIPURA

1. PRESS MARCH 31 REPORTS TRIPURA CONGRESS CHIEF MINISTER
SUKHAMOY SENGUPTA SUBMITTED RESIGNATION OF HIS CABINET
MARCH 30 AFTER THE CPM/CFD OPPOSITION WON A NO-CONFIDENCE
MOTION. T Q PREVIO S DAY 14 CONGRESS MLAS DEFECTED FROM THE
CONGRESS MAJORITY AND FORMED A CFD BLOC; TOGETHER WITH 16
CPM MLAS AND ONE INDEPENDENT, THIS GAVE THE OPPOSITION A
MAJORITY OF 31 (TRIPURA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY NUMBERS 59).

2. FACTIONALISM IN THE TRIPURA IS THE APPARENT REASON FOR
THE DEFECTION OF THE FOURTEEN CONGRESS MLAS TO THE CFD.
PAPERS REPORT IT IS EXPECTED THAD CFD AND CPNV TILL FORM A
COALITION CABINET, HEADED BY CFD, PROBABLY BY SACHINDRA LAL
SINGH WHO LED THE FOURTEEN DEFECTING CONGRESS MLAS. THE CPM
MAY HAVE ENGINEERED THE DEFECTION BY MAKING AN OFFER OF
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CHIEF MINISTERSHIP TO SINGH OR ONE OF HIS COLLEAGUES. THE
CPM DID POORLY IN THE LOK SABHA ELECTIONS IN TRIPURA, LOSING
THE STATE'S TWO SEATS (ITHELD BOTH IN THE LAST LOK SABHA).
THE CPM WOULD BE THE MAINSTAY OF A NEW CABINET AND SHOULD
THEREBY BE ABLE TO STRENGTHEN ITS POSITION IN THE STATE.

3. IF THERE IS ANYTHING MORE THAN LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE ABOUT

THE FALL OF THE TRIPURA CABINET, IT LIES IN THE FACT THAT
TRIPURA IS THE FIRST STATE GOVERNMENT TO FALL SINCE THE
NEW JANATA/CFD GOVERNMENT TOOK OVER IN DELHI, AND IN THE
WAY THAT THE FALL CAME ABOUT. WHETHER THERE WILL BE A BRUSH-
FIRE EFFECT IN THE NORTHEAST IS UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME, BUT
A PRECEDENT HAS BEEN SET, FOR THE NORTHEAST AND FOR THE
REST OF INDIA.

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